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IN A MARCH 19 NEWS BROADCAST, RADIO VATICAN REACTED WITH UN-CHARACTERISTIC SHARPNESS TO GOP COUNCIL REVOLUTION DECISON TO SUSPEND PORTUGUESE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY FROM PARTICIPATION IN UPCOMING ELECTIONS. OPERATIVE PORTION OF BROADCAST FOLLOWS: QUOTE AS THE MEDIA HAVE RIGHTLY POINTED OUT, IT IS DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND HOW ONE CAN RECONCILE THE PRINCIPLE OF POPULAR SOVEREIGNTY, WHICH FOR THE FIRST TIME AFTER SO MANY YEARS WILL BE EXPRESSED IN THE GENERAL ELECTIONS TO DESIGNATE A CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY, WITH THE BAN OF DETERMINED MOVEMENTS OR POLITICAL GROUPS PRESENTING THEMSELVES AT THE SAME ELECTIONS, DEPRIVING THERBY THE PEOPLE OF THE RIGHT TO FREELY EXPRESS THEIR OWN PREFERENCES. END QUOTE. VOLPE

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